MCC Church of the Redwoods

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Dear Friend In Christ:

MCC of the Redwoods, Mill Valley, California, wishes to announce that the position of Pastor is currently available.

If you feel called to apply, please review the enclosed materials and respond no latter that November 30,1984.

We appreciate your prayer support for our congregation as we undertake the pastoral search process.

In Christ,

The Pastoral Search Committee
MCC of the Redwoods.

HISTORY:

MCC of the Redwoods was founded in 1979 in Fairfax, California, by Reverend Jim Sandmire (currently pastoring Golden Gate MCC, San Francisco). The church was subsequently pastored by Reverend Arthur Cazeault from 1981 to May 1984. The church achieved Mission Status at the Spring Northwest District Conference of 1983. Throughout the years, membership has ranged from seven (7) to thirty four (34). Our current active membership totals twenty five (25).

Marin County begins north of San Francisco beyond the Golden Gate Bridge. It is a large area encompassing over 30 towns and some of our members live in cities outside the county. Geographically, we think it is one of the most beautiful places in the world. Growth potential, through networking in the community, bears significant potential and challenge.

Currently, we meet for Sunday morning worship in the Annex of Mill Valley Community Church, United Church of Christ. We have maintained the tradition of potluck gatherings - "Family Night" - semi-monthly, for singing, sharing and prayer, and have a pre-worship Bible Study group that meets in individual homes on Sunday mornings.

FINANCIAL STATUS:

At the present time, we are offering a part time position with a monthly salary of $450.00, plus health insurance. Capacity and salary will increase commensurate with our development.

REQUESTED INFORMATION:

1. Please provide a complete resume including your education and work history, church background and current family status (spouse, partner, children, parents).
2. Please provide letters of recommendation from:
   (a) your Board of Directors most recently served.
   (b) your recent District Coordinator.
   (c) your previous District Coordinator (if you have moved twice within the past year).
3. Please explain the reasons you feel called to pastor this church; what are your visions, your expectations?
4. Please explain why you are leaving your present position/location.
5. Please advise how you intend to supplent your part time pastoral income.
6. Enclosed please find responses to the ten (10) most significat self-study questions addressed at our congregational meeting on June 3, 1984. We ask you to review and to provide your comments concerning any or all of the questions as you feel led, with the exception of question number ten (#10) for which we require a definitive

response.
7. Based on the materials we have presented, please provide a tape of a message on Stewardship which you think would be currently significant to this community. Your message should be twenty (20) minutes or less.
8. Please feel free to provide any other data which you would like us to consider.

TEN SELF-STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT ARE THE BEST ASPECTS OF THE PRESENT FELLOWSHIP WITHIN THE CHURCH?
Answer: We are a caring and affectionate family striving to love one another - unconditionally. We are a committed and supportive body that manifests a special energy. Sharing who we are, openness and honesty are important values to the community.
2. HOW CAN THIS CONGREGATION APPROACH SERVING THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY?
Answer: As the only MCC in Marin County, we are aware of our uniqueness and accept responsibility for serving the needs of the community. We feel it is imperative to be a church for all people and s safe, loving and supportive haven for our sisters and brothers.
Maintaining a knowledgeable, current understanding of community needs, and establishing specific plans to meet those needs are of utmost importance. Reaching out, nourishing and connectiong with the entire Marin County area are some of our attainable, primary goals.
Some of the organizations with we have been working are as follows:

AIDS Interfaith Network
Human Concerns Center
Interfaith Council
Marin Lesbian - Gay Men's Group
Ministry of Light
The Other Side

3. WHAT SPECIAL NEEDS DOES OUR CONGREGATION HAVE?
Answer: In addition to specific qualities mentioned in our answer to question #8, we need more inreaching and a stronger Christian walk both individually and collectively. We need more congregational development with blossioming interrelationships.

4. WHAT DO WE WANT FROM OUR CHURCH EXPERIENCE?
Answer: We want to hear a message that is scripurally bassed and centereed, focused and relevant; a message that is timley and current.

We want to explore and expand the gifts we have to offer, both personally and for the benefit of the community.

In order to feel we are connecting and networking with the fellowship at large we want to learn more about UFMCC and the Northwest District.

5. WHAT AM I WILLING TO GIVE TO THE SUPPORT OF THIS CHURCH?
Answer: As individuals and as a group, our congregation is re-examining its commitment with respect to our talents, treasures, time and testimonies. We intend to individuually specify our monetary pledges in order to provide our Board with the assurance of consistant income with which to develop realistic budgets. We are doing this in an ongoing and prayerful manner.

6. WHAT ARE THE AREAS IN WHICH OUR CONGREGATION NEEDS TO GROW?
Answer: We wish to continue growing in Spritual maturity and understanding on a daily basis. We want to live in the sprit of unconditional acceptance of individual and church needs in addition to the needs of the community.

7. WHAT DO WE EXPECT IN TERMS OF OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AT CHURCH?
Answer: We expect to emphasize scripural teachings and positive interpersonal relationships. We believe that through Christian education we will better understand how to live the message.

8. WHAT DO I EXPECT FROM THE PASTORAL LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH?
Answer: Thinking of ourselves as a church for all people, we need a pastor who is non-judgemental and who is responsive to the individual needs of this congregation. We need to be able to network with different groups within the community. We need a pastor then, who is able to be "out", but also one who is sensitive to those who are NOT. We need a pastor who is able to:

a) keep lines of communication open between the pastor and the congregation.
b) maintain confidentiality and build trust within the community by example.
c) provide spiritual inspiration and nourishment.
d) be committed to the growth of the church and aware of its potential.
e) cultivate an awareness of world views and to discourage any tendencies to be insular.
f) not only delegate but also share in the work and support activities throughout the entire congregation.
g) embrace and encourage inclusivity in its broadest context.

9. WHAT CAN THE PASTOR REALISTICALLY EXPECT FROM US AS MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH?

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Answer: Aside from financial commitments, our community would support our pastor emotionally, should any family, personal, political or spiritual needs arise. Since we have such a great variety of talents within our family, each of us can play a special role in the growth of our fellowship. We are ready and willing to be called upon to explore new programs with positive guidance and direction.

10. WHO IS JESUS TO ME?

Answer: As we have re-assessed our personal commitment to Jesus, our collective beliefs, and our needs, we have re-affirmed the UFMCC Statement of Faith as follows:

We Believe:

1. In one triune God, omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient, of one substance and of three persons: God - our Parent-Creator; Jesus Crist the only begotten son of God, God in flesh, human; and the Holy Spirit-God as our Sustainer.
2. That the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God, showing forth God to every person through the law and the prophets, and finally, completely and ultimately on earth in the being of Jesus Christ.
3. That Jesus....the Christ....historically recorded as living some 2,000 years before this writing, is God incarnate, of human birth, fully God and fully human, and that being one with God, Jesus has demonstrated once and forever that all people are likewise Children of God, being spiritually made in God's image.
4. That the Holy Spirit is God making known God's love and interest to all people. The Holy Spirit is God, available to and working through all who are willing to place their welfare in God's keeping.
5. Every person is justified by Grace to God through faith in Jesus Christ.
6. We are saved from loneliness, despair and degradation through God's gift of grace, as was declared by our Saviour. Such grace is not earned, but is a pure gift from a God of pure love. We further commend the community of the faithful to a life of prayer; to seek genuine forgiveness for unkind, thoughtless and unloving acts; and to a committed life of Christian Service.
7. The Church serves to bring all people to God through Christ. To this end, it shall arrange for regular services of worship, prayer, interpretation of the Scriptures, and edification through the teaching and preaching of the Word.

MCC of the Redwoods views the Trinity with a Christ-centered emphasis. Since Christ is the expression of God's love, we feel Jesus Christ focused on God, modeling, setting examples, and showing us the way to do likewise. We have seen the face of Christ in each other and have agreed Christ-like qualites are manifested differently in each person through different gifts from God.

Although we are presenting a comprehensive review of our congregation in its present form, we are also growing in perspective and understanding. Please respond to us with a copy of your original Statement of Faith, together with your current Statement of Faith.

Your submission will be kept in the strictest confidence. We will communicate with you as soon as we have had an opportunity to conduct a comprehensive review. If you have any questions and desire phone contact, please call Ralph Whysong, committee chairperson, at (415) 383-6041.

We are carrying you in our prayers.

In Christ,
The Pastoral Search Committee

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and I had & therefore you needed an open relationship but I was to accept that and not have it be painful was impossible for me. I was already 45 and too threatened by other people (almost everybody!) wanting you.

Fourth, our very different viewpoints on our faith - and Ed Hongen's way of influencing young people to examine their faith — and my own differences ≠ Ed — and having followed him & discovered just how much of an influence (for both bad & good) he was in that church. My own lack of respect for Ed's counseling style and his lack of ability to relate to anyone

older - and this inability to hear where I was coming from - along w the possibility (which I truly believe) that he and/or Bobby were on the make for you - didn't help when you went to him for the help you needed in dealing w my suicide attempt. He was just the wrong person to bring into that crisis for me - but it was a crisis for you, too and you needed him.

The final straw, of course, was your crush on Shelley Hamilton and Shelley's writing me off because I was old - and our relationship (yours & mine) had been over - but it wasn't for me - I still loved you very much.

By the time California & Marcia happened - it was just one more thing - and by that time I guess I had gotten to "what else?!"

There's still a lot of old pain tied up with my memories of you - but a very good & dear counselor at Providence helped me to find some answers and to relocate my own strengths.

I also tried to share w/ you a spiritual experience I had at the L.A. conference which affected my ability to deal w/ your final leaving to join Marcia. In that time when we went into the chapel - I had an

experience which totally alters my ability to deal ē love relationships:
As you know, I had been abandoned by my mother as an infant and through Lina Cacciola's help I was able to put together the reason for the total rage that took over in separation. Lina helped me to see that separation evoked the infant rage that I had. Of course, never dealt with. It was a rage coming out of my own pre-verbal state but every separation reached into that deep, inexpressible rage I felt as a tiny child and was recreated in every separation or threatened separation.

with Lina's help I dealt with that, got a good handle on it — and also on our relationship where my inability to win your approval recreated my childhood experience of never being good enough.

In the chapel that day, I prayed that the child in me who was hurting over the separation from you would be comforted — when an amazing thing happened. All that pain & rage literally lifted. It was as if something or someone took that lump of pain & anguish & drew it up & away from me. I had always been able to tap into that pain

and rage - it lived in me - but from that day on it was gone & has never recurred.

While I was in Calif. I fell deeply in love ē a woman named Linda - who had one foot on the corporate ladder & was going to climb it - no matter what. We had a short relationship & she ended it because of the distances involved & the threat implied to her career by a relationship ē an MCC minister (remember that one?). I cared a lot - but for the first time in my life I could feel pain and distress at losing her - but not the old rage.

the past years have seen that rage totally disappear + a new peace + commitment to non-violence come into my life. I thank God Lina C. was there when I needed her and that God had a hand in my "healing of memories".

Forgiveness, then, is given and received. I need your forgiveness for the suicide attempt. It was not a manipulation as Ed implied. I still break down in thinking about that day, for it was no sooner than I struck you that I realized I had lost you forever and it was out of that pain + grief

that death seemed preferable. If that young doctor (Chuck who??) had not been there that night I wouldn't have wanted to come back, but he held out hope + a reason to live - and I have not regretted it. [I also realized that the medication had a lot to do ē it. I cannot take phenobarbital - it depresses.]

I am not the same person you knew. I have come a long way. So was a turning point for me. Knowing women my own age (and even falling in love ē one) helped.

I need your forgiveness fr the suicide attempt (and I thank God it wasn't successful - I think I was sick enough to realize how

close I came.) and for the violence. You have mine for being 24 at the time!

I would still like to love as deeply as I did then - but feel like Rilke "if they take away my demons, will they take away my angels as well." The demons are gone — but apparently so is some of the ability to love as deeply & hopelessly — and maybe that's a good trade-off.

A bit of good news: We have just been through a horrible church fight (women vs. men — again!) beginning over inclusive

language (after all, this is the deep South) but this time — the women prevailed. We are now almost entirely a church of women (nearly 30) who are committed to making this a women-sensitive church. We have some men who have come through it with us — but it was the women who did it — mainly about 10 who just knew it had to happen. The Board is now all feminist — and so is the support. It's a new challenge for me — and maybe that's the way it is shoved be. This was my dream 10 years ago. Now I have a chance to see if I can live it out.

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This letter is far longer than I had intended, but I hope you'll understand.

I have long since forgiven you and hope we can just understand each other — no one is bad or good — we all are the product of our experiences and expectations. Unfortunately, we came into the relationship with different expectations & from radically different experiences. That we loved at all was the miracle & the joy.

There is a communion liturgy that ends "Go in peace. Know that you are a forgiven & forgiving people." So be it.

Marge

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5/3/84

Jean -

Your letter was a great surprise - appreciated, but so out of the blue that I'm not sure how to relate to it.

I have shared c how some of my pain about those years, and I think she was totally unaware of how deeply she affected both of our lives during that time. She shared with me recently that ~~those~~ those years (76-77) were probably the lowest point in her life, especially, of course, dealing c the changes in Heather/Sky's life.

As you know - or maybe you don't - it was a painful time for me, apart from you and our relationship. I had always felt that things were fine with us until I didn't

get licensed and in that time when I fell apart over it began the downhill road. Maybe I'm wrong, but I think what happened was that the "older, stronger" lover had needs and it recreated for you the childhood situation where your mother expected you to meet her dependency needs — and you had come into our relationship with all your own unmet dependency needs, expecting to have them met through the relationship, only to have me go through a crisis — & I think you felt you had to meet my needs & couldn't — it was too traumatically like your past experiences and the whole thing went sour.

A second thread that comes to mind is that you expected to find in me the fulfilment of your crush on Nan. (Clergy + all those similarities) but I wasn't Nan, couldn't be, didn't want to be — but instead of appreciating me for who I was, I always came up short because I wasn't the fantastic Nan whom you had loved from childhood on. That hurt badly and also hurt my ability to deal w Nancy — since unfortunately she was my "model" at the time, being the first female clergy I had ever known & blazing trails I was to have to follow for a long time.

The third thread that comes to mind is <u>age</u>. Unfortunately, there was no way around the 24 year age difference between us. Neither of us could change that, and it became an increasing problem. You were going through coming out & all the excitement of being 24, in demand, talented & having that talent appreciated — and I was turning middle aged & the midlife crises that brings. We were at very different places in our lives, and only two very special people could have overcome that and we were both too insecure to handle it. Your expectation that since you had not experienced life

Come back to work.

love

Johann.

this is a gift for you to
buy something for you.

Dear Mary,

Thank you for all you did. You came at a crucial time for me and will always remain important.

My best in your new position.

Bear circa 1920

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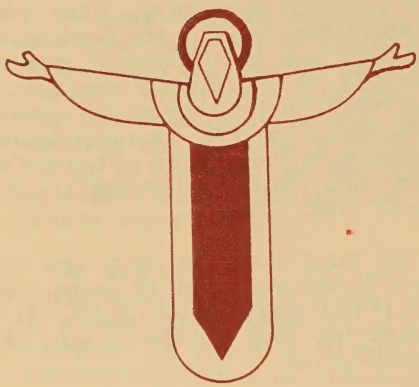

The Rev. Michael Piazza, Pastor

301 Druid Street
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St. Luke's Metropolitan Community Church

Allow me to introduce St. Luke's Metropolitan Community Church, and please allow me to tell you a bit about who we are and what we do.

St. Luke's MCC is a chartered congregation in the denomination known as the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The denomination was founded by the Reverend Troy Perry. This new denomination brought the Good News of God's love to millions of people who had been excluded from their own denomination because of sexual orientation or other characteristic which sets them apart. St. Luke's came into being in Jacksonville on April 15th, 1974.

For more than ten years now we have worked very hard to bring the exciting message of God's all-embracing love to the people of Jacksonville.

In early 1984, our church was the victim of an arsonist's attack. That, coupled with the loss, and death of a pastor, brought us to a time of deepest testing. Some prophets of doom might have written our epitaph. Yet like the saviour whom we follow, we too arose from death to live again a grander and more glorious life than ever.

As a symbol of that great resurrection miracle we chose to change our name from simply Jacksonville MCC to St. Luke's MCC. Why St. Luke's?

Luke, of course is best known as the author of the third gospel, and the book of Acts. From other New Testament writings we learn that Luke was a traveling companion of the Apostle Paul. *He* is called the "Beloved Physician". A careful reading of his writings reveals that to be his likely vocation. Because of this fact Luke writes with unparalleled compassion. He is the patron saint of medical doctors and is the symbol of our common call to a healing ministry. St. Luke's MCC has chosen to bear his name because we have heard the call of God to be a source of health, healing, and wholeness in this community.

Furthermore, St. Luke is the only gentile author of the New Testament. His writings attempt, more than any other, to include **everyone** in God's Kingdom. Luke is the only place we find the stories of the Prodigal Son, or the Good Samaritan. Luke reminds us how Jesus' love includes the harlot, the tax collector, and the penitent thief. **NO ONE IS EXCLUDED FROM GOD'S FAMILY.** It is only in the writings of Luke that we see women given their rightful place in the life and ministry of Jesus and the early church. While Matthew tells the story of Jesus' birth from Joseph's perspective, Luke allows us to see it through Mary's eyes. *He* includes facts in the story which could have come only from Mary herself. So too we at St. Luke's MCC are attempting to make **EVERY** person feel equally included in the full message and ministry of this church.

Finally we have chosen this name because the message of St. Luke is focused on Jesus' continuing ministry through the power of the Holy Spirit. Much of what we know about the person and work of the third member of the the Trinity comes from Luke's record. He alone tells us of the giving of the spirit on the Day of Pentacost, and he gives the account of how the Holy Spirit worked in the early church.

So too we at St. Luke's MCC have the sincere desire that the Holy Spirit will again be experienced in our midst, teaching us what it means for us to be the people of God.

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We want you to regard us as **YOUR** church, a place where you know that you are always welcome without having to pretend. Even if you do not perceive a need for us in your life at this time, we want you to know that we are here for you when you need us.

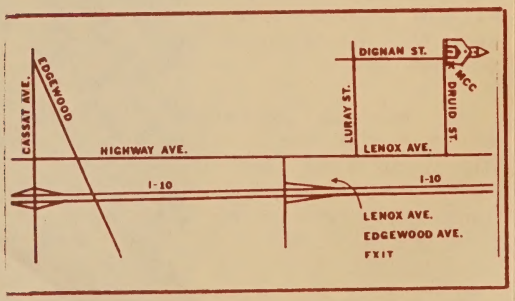
Our morning worship service follows the ancient liturgy of Hippolytus from about the 4th century. Although we use modern language, songs and enthusiasm, we have a real sense of being a part of a tradition that is older than the various denominations from

which we all come. The service is a warm combination of intimacy and ritual.

Other worship services are more relaxed and we sing gospel hymns, clap our hands and share our stories. On Wednesday nights there is a time of informal worship beginning at 7:30 p.m. and a time of Christian education beginning at 8:00 p.m.

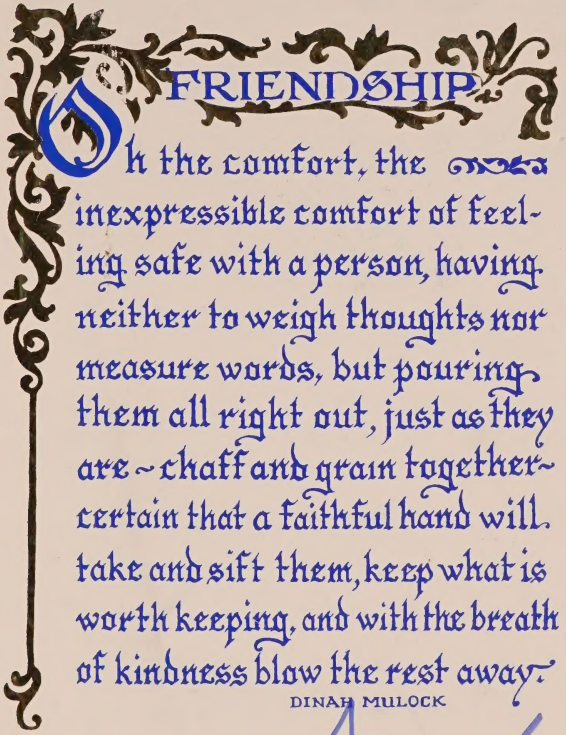
We have trained counselors on staff to help you if you need to talk. Like any church, we perform funeral services, weddings, and baptisms. Uniquely we also have a service called a Holy Union for people of the same sex who wish to celebrate their committed and permanent relationship.

We are located in our own building at 301 Druid Street, which is a small side street off of Lenox Avenue. If you need directions, counseling, or more information please give us a call at (904) 384-6004.



Please allow me to introduce our pastor, the Reverened Michael S. Piazza. Rev. Piazza holds degrees in history, psychology, and a Masters of Divinity from Emory University. He served for eight years as a United Methodist minister before coming to MCC in 1980. He has also served as the Director of Education and the Executive Director of the Atlanta Gay Center; the District Coordinator for the South Atlantic District of UFMCC; the state field representative for Gay Rights National Lobby; the Board of G.O.A.L.s (Georgians Opposed to Archaic Laws); the Board of Metro Fair Housing. He instituted and taught classes of sensitivity training for the Atlanta Police Academy, and he has been a guest lecturer for a number of colleges and universities.

Most important though he is a talented and caring man of God.


FRIENDSHIP
Oh the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pouring them all right out, just as they are ~ chaff and grain together ~ certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and with the breath of kindness blow the rest away.
DINAH MULOCK
Agape'
Dick

In this attitude of prayerful thanks I suggest you & others in Peace —

May Christ the Master of all "good" works fill us with the "Spirit of Unity" fellowship & Love — Richard

Sunday 20 March
1983 A.D.

Dear Mauge —

The Peace of the
Lord! Hi!

On this holy day,
Passion Sunday,
we recall the
sufferings of the
last days of our
Lord's life on this
planet some
1950 years ago —

and in an attitude of "a prayerful mission" we begin to turn our Lenten prayers & actions to give up all (as he did) for the Abba, that is beyond our limited understanding - & to give "pure" love —

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MARIAN HEATH
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Good luck in 1984. As God's children, you deserve the best.

Wishing you the warm surprises of the holidays

Fondly,

Scott Gracey

&

Terry Odle.

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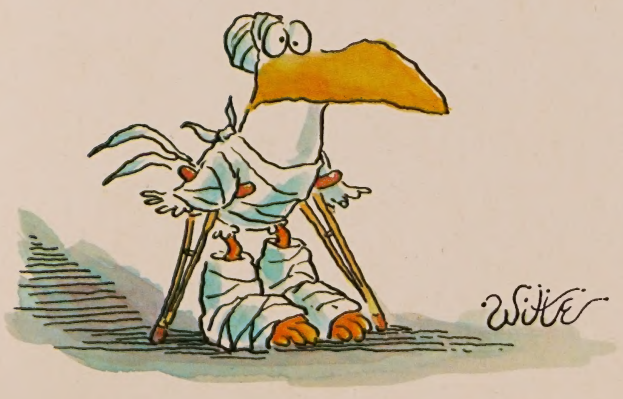

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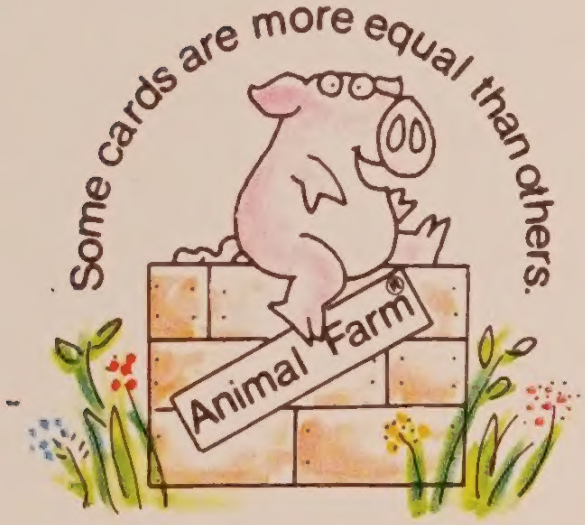

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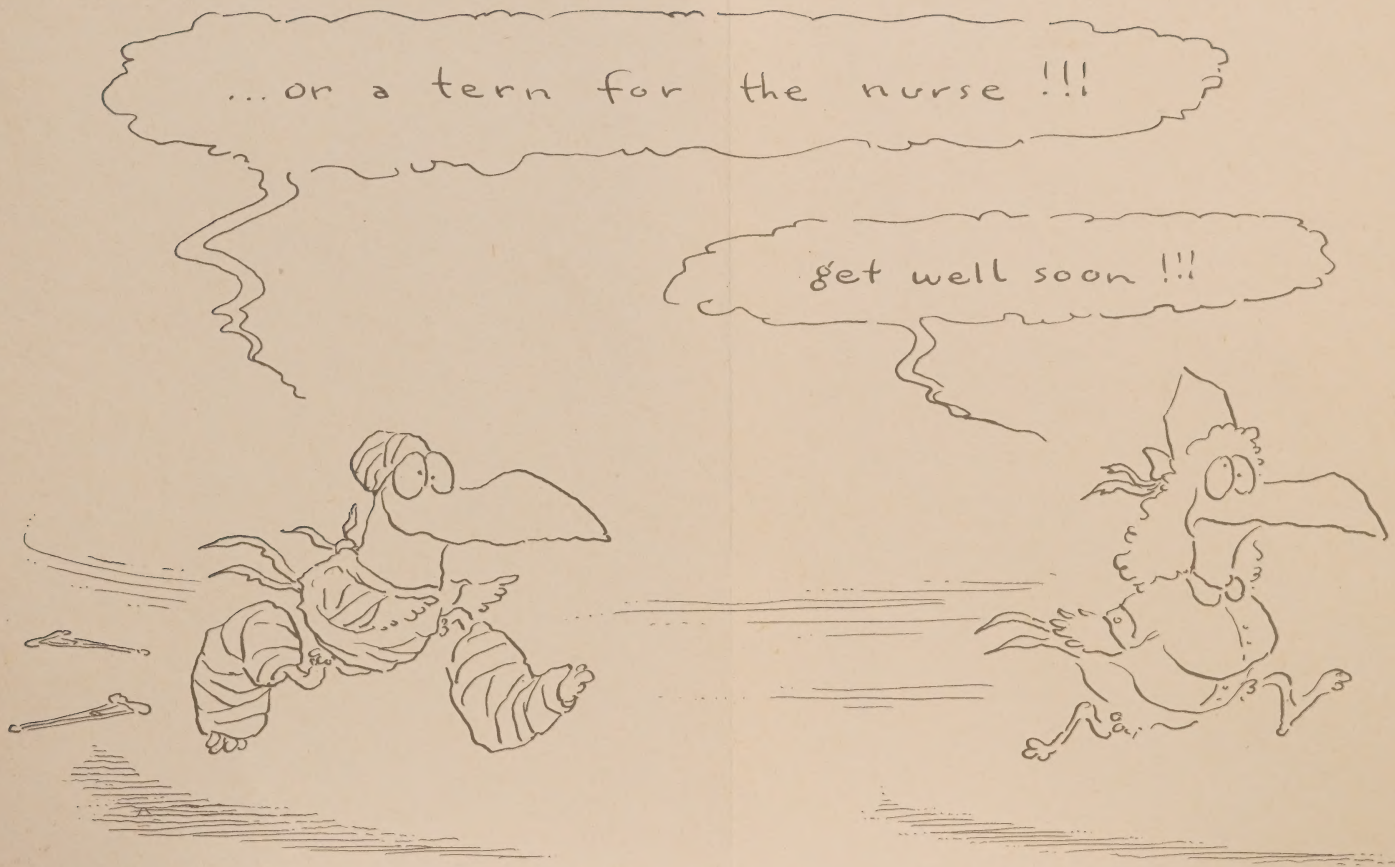
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get well soon !!!

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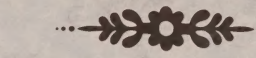

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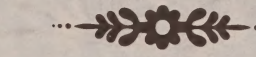

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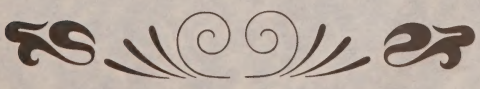

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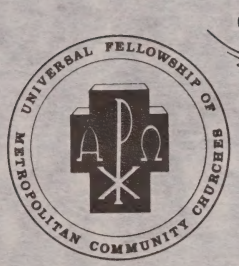

YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE
IN OUR JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF

THE DEDICATION OF OUR NEW BUILDING
THE PRESENTATION OF OUR CHARTER
AND
THE INSTALLATION OF OUR PASTOR
(The Rev. Robert Carl Darst)

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH, 1984
11:50 A.M.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE QUAD CITIES
13th and LeClaire Davenport, Iowa

Officiating for this Celebration will be
The Rev. Nancy Radclyffe

Senior Chaplain for the Spiritual Life and Clergy Care Center for The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

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YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO HEAR REV. RADCLYFFE AT OUR

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SERVICES

7:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 5th Sunday, May 6th Monday, May 7th

Pot Luck Dinner following the Saturday service.

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The Board of Directors and the Congregation

of

King of Peace Metropolitan Community Church

Cordially Invites You To Attend

The Service of Installation For Their Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Fred C. Williams

and

The Service of Building Dedication

Saturday, March 31, 1984

Three O'clock in the Afternoon

The Rev. Lee Carlton, Southeast District Coordinator

Presiding Minister

3 P.M. Service of Installation

Unitarian Church Chapel

719 Arlington Avenue

St. Petersburg, Florida

4:30 P.M. Dedication Reception

King of Peace MCC

2546 1st Avenue South

St. Petersburg, Florida

There is no time more appropriate
than this to say

Thank You

and to wish you a Happy Holiday Season
and a New Year of Health and Prosperity

Best Wishes

FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND THE NEW YEAR

Rev. Luz. Carlton D.C. SED

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And about our building. It is an older, two-story house. We will move there this month while continuing to hold services for at least another month at the Unitarian Church. We intend to do as much of the work as we can ourselves. We're not even certain how extensive the renovations will be. We know that it must be well done so we can have real pride in it. But we also know and hope to our God that in a year it will be too small! It's just a step along the way to the greater glory to God as we strive to build God's Kingdom here in St. Petersburg, Florida.

REJOICE WITH US!!!! We acknowledge that we have been a difficult congregation in the past. We have failed to love God and our sisters and brothers as we should.

REJOICE WITH US!!!! We have decided we want now to strive to be the Body of Christ.

REJOICE WITH US!!!! We know the road will be difficult but we are ready to meet the challanges in love for God and for one another.

REJOICE WITH US!!!! And pray for us - for it is just a new beginning and we are human and we need all the prayer we can get.

REJOICE WITH US!!!!

Yours in Christ,

Woody

WOODY SWARMER
Worship Coordinator

KING OF PEACE
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
2546 First Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33712

rejoice with us!!!

January 9, 1984

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

REJOICE WITH US!!!!

We have such good news to share that we decided to contact the entire Fellowship! We knew that there were those with whom we had to communicate, and there were a great many praying for us with whom we wanted to communicate. The joy in our hearts requires this Epistle:

WE HAVE CALLED A PASTOR

AND

PURCHASED A BUILDING

First, about our new pastor. We have called the Reverend Doctor Fred C. Williams, former pastor of St. Jude MCC, Columbia, South Carolina, by unanimous vote of the congregation. He will begin his duties Sunday, January 15, 1984. Fred's three years of sheparding the Columbia Church was just the experience we were seeking in a pastor. We look forward to his leadership and direction as we seek our own spiritual growth, our growth as a Christian Family and The Body of Christ, and as well as our mission to bring others into a relationship with Christ.

We thank those who sent resumes and made inquiries and we pray the right place for your ministry will soon be found. To the many who wrote and told us of their concern and prayers in our search for a pastor, we thank you. We are certain that our collective prayers have led us to our unanimous choice. Keep us in your prayers as we will keep you in ours.

The Pastor and Board of Directors
are pleased to announce
the chartering of
Metropolitan Community Church of Ventura

You are cordially invited
to attend the Homecoming Banquet,
Saturday, March 17th, 7:00 p.m.
at 4949 Foothill Road, Ventura

The Chartering Service will take place
on Sunday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m.
A reception will follow.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SYRACUSE
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR

FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY DEC. 3, 1977

5:30PM SPAGHETTI DINNER
DONATION $2.25

7:00PM GAYLA WORSHIP SERVICE

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. MARGE RAGONA
M.C.C. PROVIDENCE, R.I.

RECEPTION AND DISCO PARTY

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
819 MADISON ST. (AT UNIVERSITY AVE.)
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

7-1-84

Dearest Marge,

Our God has worked thru you and blessed us all with you.

I pray that Jesus will continue to bless you and lead you by the Holy Spirit within you.

Glory be to the name of Yahweh!

my love to you in Christ Jesus,
Jobriath Blue

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The experience of healing is very close to my heart. For me, that is a very important aspect of MCC.

We, at MCC—Wmspt., invite you for a return visit anytime.

Ruth M. Boston
Clerk—MCC—Williamsport

July 5, 1984

Dear Marge,

Your presence among us and participation with us on July 1, 1984 was very meaningful for us.

At a personal level — your sermon about healing and growth was wonderful.

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WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST.

ROMANS 12:5

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1984

Metropolitan Community Church

SECOND SUNDAY IN DOMINIONTIDE

10:30 A.M. & 12:30 P.M. SERVICE — SEPTEMBER 2, 1984

*** THE INTROIT** — THE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

"O Praise The Lord"

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP** — Jeremiah 15:16

Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O Sovereign One, God of hosts.

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** — "Jesus Shall Reign"(30)

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 From north to south the rulers meet
To pay their homage at Christ's feet;
While western empires own their Lord,
And savage tribes attend the word.

3 To Christ shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
That name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

4 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on God's love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

INVOCATION / WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANTHEM — THE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

"With A Voice Of Singing"

*** PRAYER HYMN** — "Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary"(383)

1 Days are filled with sorrow and care, hearts are lonely and drear;
Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Jesus is very near.

℟ Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Calvary, Calvary;
Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Jesus is very near.

2 Cast your care on Jesus today, leave your worry and fear;
Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Jesus is very near. ℟

3 Troubled soul, the Savior can see ev'ry heartache and tear;
Burdens are lifted at Calvary, Jesus is very near. ℟

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(* Congregation Standing)

* THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

* HYMN OF RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O God"(590)

Hear our prayer, O God; hear our prayer, O God;
Incline Your ear to us and grant us Your peace. Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, sisters and brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I bid every one among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned you. For as in one body we have many members, and all members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in teaching; the one who exhorts, in exhortation; the one who contributes, in liberality; the one who gives aid, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

* THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 16:21-28

℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ And also with you.
℣ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
℟ Glory to You, Lord.

From that time Jesus began to show the disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took Jesus and spoke in rebuke, "God forbid! This shall never happen to You." But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on God's side, but on the human side." Then Jesus told the disciples, "If any would come after Me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For those who would save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for My sake will find it. For what is one profited, if one gains the whole world and forfeits one's life? Or what shall one give in return for one's life? For the Son of Humanity is to come with the angels in the heavenly glory of God, and will then repay every one for their actions. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Humanity coming in power and glory."

℣ This is the Gospel of the Lord.
℟ Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri"(691)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

THE SERMON THE REVEREND ELDER DON EASTMAN

THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE MINISTRY IN MUSIC STEVE GARCIA

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE** "The Doxology"(689)

Praise God, the Love we all may share;
Praise God, the Beauty ev'rywhere;
Praise God, the Hope of good to be;
Praise God, the Truth that makes us free. Amen.

*** THE PRAYER OF BLESSING**

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I come to You aware of my faults and shortcomings. I lay them at Your throne, knowing that You have already forgiven me. Help me to forgive myself. Guide me that I may grow through Your grace. In Your eternal name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN "Bread of The World"

1 Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken,
And in Whose death our sins are dead;

2 Look to the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Today's Prayer List

*In Hospital/Home

* JOE T. LANGHAM - HEALING
ICM MEXICO CITY - GUIDANCE
CALVIN BURDINE - GUIDANCE
LYLE HENDERSON - HEALING
* JAN TIEMAN - HEALING
SUSAN TULLOS - HEALING
BILL GEAREY - HEALING
RAYMOND VALDEZ - HEALING
TILDA BONNER - HEALING
JAN DIEHL - HEALING
IRENE MAYTAS - STRENGTH; COURAGE
GEORGE KENNEDY - HEALING
PAT MOORE - HEALING
KAYE LEE - HEALING
JULIE HEROD - HEALING
LARRY McCALL - STRENGTH; GUIDANCE

If you would like to be placed on the Prayer List or know of someone confined to home or hospital, we will print your request on the bulletin Prayer List if you will call by Noon Thursday. Requests need to be re-submitted each week.

Today's Prayer List

If you would like to be placed on the Prayer Team at Lakeside Church of Nazarene contact us at lakesidechurch@cox.net and put "Prayer Team" in the subject line. We will call you when there is a need.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GIFTS

The ushers will invite the people to approach the communion rail by rows. Grape juice is served on the pulpit side of the altar. During the meal, the people are invited to join in singing hymns 21, 385, and 18.

*** THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*** RECESSIONAL HYMN** "We've A Story To Tell"(167)

1 We've a story to tell to the nations
That shall turn their hearts to the right;
A story of truth and mercy,
A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light.

℟ For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noon-day bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

3 We've a message to give to the nations
That the Lord Who reigneth above
Hath sent us the Son to save us,
And shown us that God is Love,
And shown us that God is Love. ℟

4 We've a Savior to show to the nations
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,
That all of the world's great peoples
Might come to the truth of God,
Might come to the truth of God! ℟

THE BENEDICTION

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Special Announcements

RALLY FOR THE 2ND GREAT ANNUAL YARD SALE A rally for anyone wishing to help at the yard sale will be held this afternoon at 5:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. Please come and sign-up. We need help. MCC cannot spell S_CCESS without U.

TAMALES The Kaoli family group is taking orders for homemade tamales to raise funds for the Foot-by-Foot project. The price is $5.00 per dozen prepaid. Orders may be placed after services.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

2ND GREAT ANNUAL YARD SALE The storage area for the yard sale will be open Labor Day, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. The address is 3822 Hall, 1 block behind the fire station on the corner of Hall and Reagan. Plan to bring any of your saleable items sometime during the day.

ROLLER SKATING PARTY There is a roller skating party scheduled at Starlite Rollercade for Monday, September 3, 8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. Tickets are on sale after services for $3.00 or at the door for $4.00.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL The Reverend David Ferrell of MCC-San Diego will be the guest speaker at our Fall Spiritual Renewal, September 7-9. In addition to the regularly scheduled Sunday services, the Reverend Ferrell will speak on both Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:15 P.M.

SUNDAY MEMBERSHIP CLASSES will begin September 9 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and will be continued on the following Sunday afternoons: September 16, September 30, and October 7. Anyone wishing to attend these classes should call the church by Friday noon, September 7 to pre-register. Those attending all four classes who wish to become members will be presented to the congregation at the 7:15 P.M. worship service Sunday, October 9.

FALL DISTRICT CONFERENCE This fall marks the time for the South Central District's Spiritual Renewal. Planned events will be held at Canyon Camp 60 miles west of Oklahoma City, November 1-4. Registration blanks are available in the church office.

A NEW DAWN IS BREAKING t-shirts are on sale after services in Beuhlaland Bookstore. Other t-shirts with MCC Loves You on the front are also available.

MID-CITIES FAMILY FELLOWSHIP GROUP A Fellowship Family has formed in the Mid-Cities area. For details of meeting times and places, contact co-leaders, Martin Fowler (214) 642-3185 or Chuck Sharp (214) 986-8706.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR A Flower Calendar is available for your selection for Altar Flowers for the Sunday of your choice. The calendar is posted on the wall by the church office. After making your selection, contact the church office to obtain the flower receptacles.

CONVERTIBLE NEEDED Friends and Relatives of Gay Men and Lesbians are in need of a convertible with driver for use in the Gay Pride III Parade on Sunday, September 23. If you can provide this, please contact the church office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED A community project is being organized to help the senior citizens of East Dallas save their homes. If you have a few hours to spare on Saturday, September 8 to help in some general clean-up of their homes, please contact Sherry Greer at 348-3289 immediately.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS If you have moved recently please turn in a change of address on a gray visitor card. Include your zip code and telephone number.

Stewardship Update

GENERAL FUND

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! The "summer slump" has left us with urgent needs in the General Fund. Here's where we stand:

As of May 31, our offerings totaled $96,100 with a budget need of $97,318 leaving us $1,218 under budget.

	BUDGET	OFFERINGS	(UNDER)/OVER
June 30	$17,836	$13,667	($4,169)
July 31	22,295	20,137	(2,158)
August 31	17,836	17,766	(70)

So, we are now $7,615 under budget. But even more urgent is our need to meet this week's General Fund obligation. We need **$2,075** in addition to this week's budget. That's a total of **$6,534** needed in today's offerings.

BUILDING FUND

COMMITMENT	CASH	TOTAL
$26,460.91	$21,144.33	$47,605.24

NOTE: All building fund receipts are being maintained in a separate interest-bearing account until construction begins.

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. 269 SUNDAY 12:30 P.M. 76

SUNDAY 7:15 P.M. 100

Welcome to

Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas!

It is our prayer that you will find this a place of great spiritual blessing. We hope you will participate in the worship services and activities that meet your personal needs.

The Ministers, staff and congregation wish to serve you in every way possible. If you have a special need, please feel free to contact us at any time. The church office is open on weekdays as scheduled. Counseling or conference appointments can also be arranged during the evening hours. In the event of an emergency, ministers are on call at all hours and can be reached by calling the church office.

Church Office Hours

Monday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Worship Services

Sunday 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 7:15 pm
Wednesday 7:15 pm
Friday 7:15 pm, Prayer and Praise Service
(Interpreter for the deaf provided at Sunday Services)

Social Hours

Sunday Social Hours are scheduled preceding the 10:30 worship service, at 9:45 am, and following the 12:30 pm service. Coffee and Refreshments are served.

Sunday School

Classes for children are provided during the Sunday Services at 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 9:45 am
Thursday 8:00 pm

Orchestra Rehearsal

Sunday 9:45 am
Thursday 7:15 pm

Membership

If you wish to become a member of MCC-Dallas please enroll in our membership classes. A series of four classes is offered each month. Contact the church office for additional information.

Metropolitan Community Church

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Donald Eastman, *Senior Minister* Marge Perry, *Assistant Minister*
David Day, *Associate Minister* Danny Ray, *Director of Music*

THE UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES

5300 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 304, Los Angeles, California 90029 (213) 464-5100

September 21, 1984

PRESS RELEASE--

TO ALL U.F.M.C.C. CONGREGATIONS & CLERGY

Praise God! All the editing for "God, Gays & The Gospel: This Is Our Story" has been completed, and the film is now in post-production. The film has been reviewed by the Board of Elders and the T.V. Review Committee appointed for that purpose.

Reverend Perry says, "at long last we have a first-class documentary about the Fellowship that we can justly be proud of..." Elder Jeri Ann Harvey says "This is no apology--it is who we are!"

While the film is in post-production, the Board of Elders will be seeing to the plans for the distribution of this film. Our hope is that it can be shown for free on PBS or another network. If not, our second plan is to buy air time to show it in 15 markets thoughout North America.

Once the show has premiered, copies of it will be available at a modest price for all U.F.M.C.C. congregations to use for education in our Churches and communities.

Please share this good news with your congregation and community.

For more information contact:

U.F.M.C.C.
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Los Angeles, CA 90029
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FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY 1984

October 7, 1984 is FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, the Sixteenth Anniversary of MCC. Each year the first Sunday of October is designated as Fellowship Sunday to commemorate the founding of MCC, October 6, 1968.

The theme for FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY 1984 is "Referendum for the 21st Century". This theme is a reminder that 1984 stands halfway between the founding of MCC and the beginning of the 21st century. We must continue to think, plan, and pray about wnere we are going as local congregations and as a denomination.

The following suggested worship service is a resource provided by Dr. Jeffrey Pulling, Dean of Samaritan Extended Studies, West Hartford, Connecticut. All of the suggested materials and music are original MCC compositions. This sample service is built upon a five point flow in corporate worship: WE GATHER AND PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP, GOD COMES TO US, WE RESPOND TO GOD, WE CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE AMONG US, and WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE AND TO LIVE FULLY.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY 1984
REFERENDUM FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
October 7, 1984

* indicates that the congregation should stand

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Songfest/Singspiration

Prelude/Silent Meditation

*Call to Worship (selections from 1 John 3)

Leader: See what love God has given us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Christ.

People: BELOVED, WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN NOW. IT DOES NOT YET APPEAR WHAT WE SHALL BE, BUT WE KNOW THAT WHEN CHRIST APPEARS WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, FOR WE SHALL SEE CHRIST AS HE IS.

Leader: For the message you have heard from the start is this, that we are to love each other. My brothers and sisters, do not be surprised if the world hates you. We know that we have crossed over from death into life, because we love our sisters and brothers.

People: BUT IF SOMEONE HAS MATERIAL THINGS AND SEES A SISTER OR BROTHER IN NEED, AND YET SHUTS UP THEIR HEART AGAINST THAT PERSON IN NEED, HOW CAN GOD'S LOVE RESIDE IN THEM? BELOVED, LET'S NOT JUST TALK ABOUT LOVE OR SING ABOUT LOVE. LET'S PUT LOVE INTO ACTION AND MAKE IT REAL.

Leader: Amen. Let us worship God with our lives as well as our mouths.

People: AMEN. WE ARE READY.

*Hymn, "The Church Alive" by Jack St. John, page 11 of UFMCC Hymnal 1983

Welcome, Announcements, Exchange of Greeting

Unison Prayer of the Congregation (based upon Psalm 23)

You, O God, are our shepherd; we shall lack for nothing.
You let us rest in meadows of green grass,
And lead us to quiet pools of fresh water.
You renew life within us.
You guide us in the right paths for your own name's sake.
Even though we pass through the gloomy valley of death,
We fear no evil, for you are with us.
Your shepherd rod and staff are our comfort.
You prepare a feast for us in the presence of our foes.
You anoint our heads with oil and fill our cups to overflowing.
Your goodness and kindness will follow us all the days of our lives,
And we shall dwell in your house, O God, for ever. AMEN.

Anthem/Special Music

GOD COMES TO US

*Old Testament Reading, ISAIAH 42:5-9

Thus says God, the Eternal One, who created the skies and stretched them out,
who fashioned the earth and all that comes from it,
who gave breath to its people,
the breath of life to all creatures that move on it:

"I AM WHO I AM. I have called you in justice.
I have grasped you by the hand and kept you.
I have appointed you to be a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
to open eyes that are blind, to bring captives out of prison,
to release from the dungeon those who sit in gloom.

"I AM WHO I AM; that is my name.
My glory I give to no other, nor my praise to any idol.
See, the former things have come to pass, and now new things I declare.
Before they spring into being, I announce them to you."

*New Testament Reading, MARK 2:21-22

Jesus said:
"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; if you do, the new piece will pull away from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; if you do, the wine will burst the wineskins, and the wine is lost and so also the wineskins. New wine must go into fresh wineskins."

*Hymn, "O Holy One of Israel" by Lisa Berry
Tune: St. Theodulph, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

(1) O Holy One of Israel, who saved the Hebrew tribes,
And then for our salvation, was mocked and crucified,
You are still are working through us, as back in Moses' day,
To bring true liberation to all in every way.

(2) Your sons, once locked to power, now struggle to be free,
To love and soothe and comfort, and show humanity.
That which was so fragmented, now yearns to be made whole.
Your being fully blends them; we hunger for that goal.

(3) Your daughters need their freedom to grow with men apace,
In strength and pow'r and wholeness, and take their rightful place.
In fullness of your Spirit, affirming as a whole,
That we are in your image, in body, mind, and soul.

(4) So as a people joyous, united now are we,
Proclaiming loud your greatness, in all humanity.
As we are all your offspring, we rally 'cross the lands,
To bring to understanding, that we as equals stand.

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Let us pray:

O Loving God, you have gathered us together and made yourself known to us. Speak through our tongues, act through our hands, that you may be better known in this world, that your will of justice and love be done, that people may be healed and attain the wholeness for which you created them.

God, we pray for our church, MCC, and our ministry in this world. Continue to guide us as we move toward the 21st century and build our ministries and structures for our mission in this world. We pray for our Elders who lead, guide, and administer our larger Fellowship of churches. We unite in prayer for our Founder and Moderator Troy Perry... We pray for Elder Freda Smith in Sacramento, California... We pray for Elder Nancy Wilson in Los Angeles, California... We pray for Elder Michael Mank in San Francisco, California... We pray for Elder Jean White in London, England... We pray for Elder Jeri Ann Harvey in Los Angeles, California... We pray for Elder Don Eastman in Dallas, Texas... We pray for the District Coordinator (or Coordinator of Church Extension) of our District, _____ of _____...

We pray for MCC's all across the U.S. and Canada, in Mexico, in England, in Denmark, in Australia, in New Zealand, in Nigeria, and for people in places where MCC has not started a ministry yet.

Loving God, move in every one of our local congregations. Move in the life of everyone of our members, to heal us and equip us for our ministry, to strengthen us to meet whatever comes our way, to renew our hope in the future which is yours and ours.

We are yours, God. Teach us. Fill us. Use us. AMEN.

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Silent Reflection and Self-Examination

Assurance of Forgiveness

The witness of Psalm 103 is this: "God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who hold God in awe. As far as east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us." My brothers and sisters, if God is for us, what does it matter if anything or anybody is against us? Accept the fact that you are accepted, and live accordingly. Amen.

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations/ Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

"O God, our Heavenly Father and Mother, hallowed be thy name..."

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology (tune: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen", "All Creatures of Our God and King")

Praise God the Source of all we know.
Praise Jesus Christ in whom we grow. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to the Holy Spirit give, That we with God in love may live.
O praise God! O Praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, "We Are People of God", by Michael England (see attached sheet)

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE AMONG US - HOLY COMMUNION

Open Invitation

In MCC we celebrate an open Communion. This is Christ's table, not our table. And Christ Jesus invites to this meal all who will come to him. We remember the words of Jesus when he said, "I am the bread of life; those who come to me shall not hunger, and those who have faith in me shall not thirst. All that XXXX God gives me will come to me, and those who come to me I will not turn away." (John 6:35,37)

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: God is with you.
People : AND ALSO WITH YOU.
Celebrant: Open up your hearts.
People : WE OPEN THEM UP TO THE LIVING GOD.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the One who called our church into being and who continues to call us to be the people of God.
People : IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE TO GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.
Celebrant: Yes, it is right that we should at all times and all places give thanks and praise to God for all that God has done for us. Let us celebrate this Eucharist as a thanks-giving to our God who guides us into the future. Let us praise God our Source, our Savior, and our Sustainer.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Spirit of God, Spirit of life and power, come upon us assembled here this day. Come upon this bread and this fruit of the vine that in this Holy Communion we may partake of the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus for ourselves. As we share together in this meal, may we be made one with Christ, and Christ with us, that we might actually become the Body of Christ in the world today. Come, Risen Christ, live in us that we may live in you.

Affirmation of Our Faith

Celebrant: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.
People : CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

Sharing the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving (closing prayer of gratitude, spontaneous)

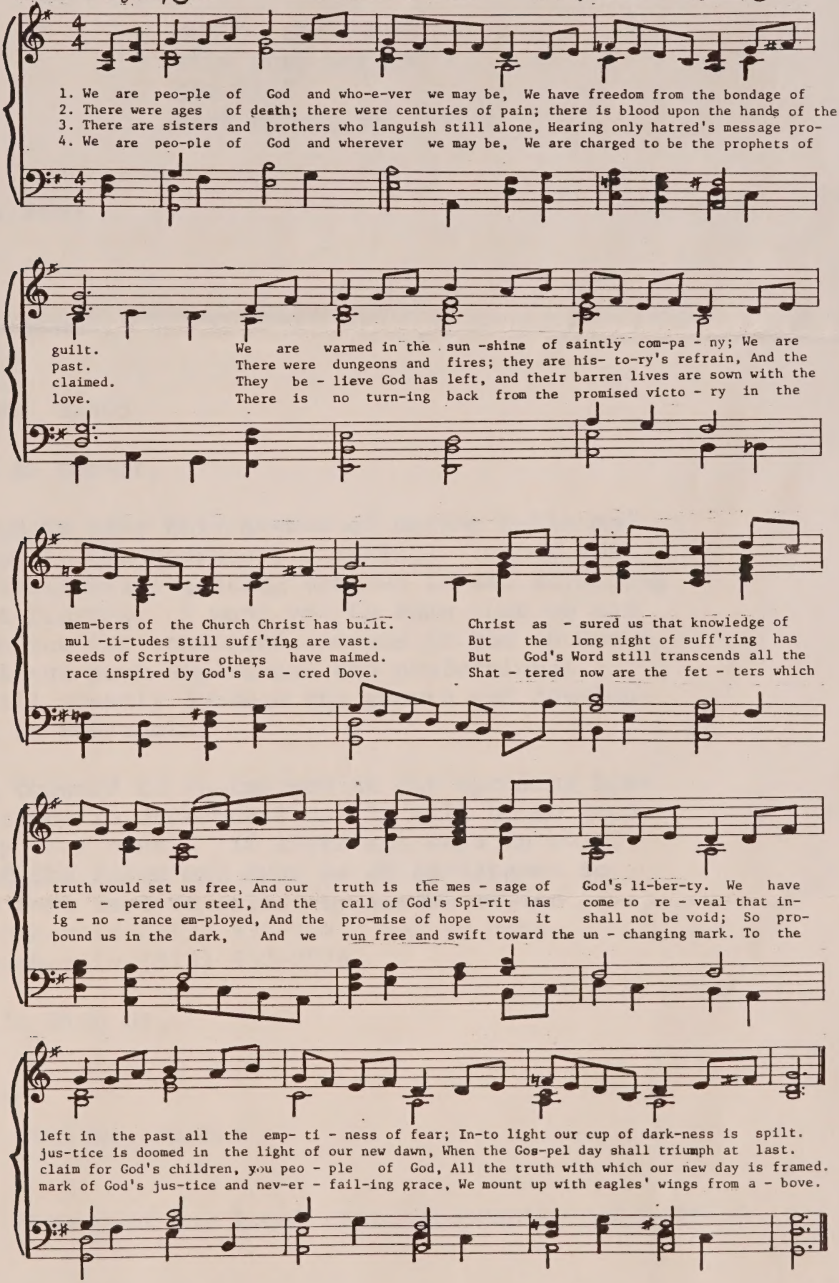
WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE AND TO LIVE FULLY

*Hymn, "I'm Not Afraid Anymore" by Michael Mank, page 19 of UFMCC Hymnal 1983

*Benediction , "God is doing new things in this world, and we are part of it. May God's love be with you and be seen in you this day and always. Go now in the name of the eternal God - God beyond us, God beside us, God within us." AMEN.

Traditional Irish Melody

Michael E. England, ©1977 WE ARE PEOPLE OF GOD Harm. by Michael E. England, ©1977



MCC of the Palms
1414 Dean Street
POB 2107
Fort Myers, FL 33902

November 10, 1983

Rev. Marge Ragonna, Pastor
MCC Pensacola
PO Box: 8087
Pensacola, FL 32505

Dear Sister In Christ,

I just wanted to take this avenue of saying hello and welcoming you to the Southeast District. I know that you are probably still getting settled in and adjusting to northwest Florida. I want you to know that we are praying with you for continued success as you do God's work. I believe your experience and professional abilities will greatly enhance the growth and development of MCC in Pensacola.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming District Conference in Jacksonville. It will be so good to just "hug your neck". If there are ways in which we at MCC of the Palms may ever be of assistance to you, please feel free to call. My church office telephone number is (813) 334-4443; and my home telephone number is (813) 332-2076.

Peace! God Is With Us,

Lee

Rev. Lee J. Carlton, Pastor

Enclosure: A copy of our local church-community publication

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November 10, 1983

Rev. Marco Bavorga, Pastor
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Dear Pastor Co Ordale,

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I'm looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming Ministerial Conference in Jacksonville. It will be so good to just "hug your neck". It there are ways in which we at MCC of the Palms may ever be of assistance to you, please feel free to call. My church office telephone number is (813) 334-6443; and my home telephone number is (813) 332-8070.

Peace! God Is With Us,

Rev. Dee T. Quelch, Pastor

Enclosure: A copy of our local church-community publication

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NEWS RELEASE

TO: ALL MCC congregations

FROM: Board of Elders

The Board of Elders is saddened to announce the death of Rev. Sandra K. (Sandy) Taylor, 36, an ordained UFMCC clergywoman. Her death was caused by an overdose of Tylenol aggravated by pre-existing health problems and resulting complications.

Sandy was a graduate of Midwestern Bible College and first became associated with UFMCC through MCC Detroit (1976-1978). She co-pastored MCC Louisville, KY from 1978-1981. From 1981 to the present she completed her MSW, while in Louisville, and worked on establishing a pastoral care ministry called "Lifestreams" with her partner in ministry, Rev. Anne Keast.

Sandy was ordained at the Houston General Conference.

A Memorial Service will be held at MCC Detroit, Saturday, December 3, 1983. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Spiritual Life and Clergy Care Center of the Fellowship. The address is SLACC-UFMCC, P.O. Box 691566, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Rev. Anne Keast, c/o MCC Louisville, KY, P.O. Box 8071, Louisville, KY 40208.

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November 15, 1983

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the Northwest District Conference in October I was approved to start a Circuit Ministry in Alaska. The Circuit Ministry is a new and exciting ministry in which we reach out to our people in isolated areas. Alaska has many of these areas and God has called me to go to these areas. The Circuit Ministry fulfills the teachings of Jesus in which Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:19-20: Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in the midst of them. In Alaska there are places where there are only two or three. Also in Luke 15:1-6 Jesus cared about the one lost sheep. I also care about that one isolated person. This new ministry is not funded and there are many expenses.

If anyone in your congregation or if your congregation would like to have a fundraiser for any of these items to help me in this new ministry I'm sure God will truly bless you. A general donation will also help in these and other expenses. I hope you will feel it in your heart to help to reach out to our isolated brothers and sisters in Alaska.

Attached is a list of some of these expenses please mark in what area you would like to help. Please send this paper with your donation. Make checks payable to Glacier Network of Metropolitan Community Church.

Send your donations to:

Glacier Network of MCC
P.O. Box 4-283
Anchorage, AK. 99509

In Christ Love,

Rev. Rusty Wilkening

Rev. Rusty Wilkening

Dear Marge,

I just wanted to drop a note to let you know the good news. Richard + I have been called to Trinity MCC in New York. God kept pushing and pushing until we said yes. We're moving from here on March 31st. Our 1st Sunday will be April 1. It seems appropriate somehow! We miss you and wish you well. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers. And you are most definately loved a lot. Our new address will be:

c/o Trinity MCC
P.O. Box 6163 FDR Station
N.Y., N.Y. 10150

Well be stays with Mac McClain until we find jobs And our own place. New York wasn't exactly what we planned. But oh well! We really are excited And looking forward to it. Rachael sends his love.

Love,

Phil

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ACADIANA
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Johannes DiMaria-Kuiper, M.Div.
pastor

Our Charter Weekend

"Laissez les bons temps rouler en Jesus Christ!"

Saturday, September 22, 1984:

*Press Conference at MCCA - 11:00 a.m.
107 Mudd Avenue, Lafayette, La.

*Luncheon with Board, Staff and Spouses - 1:00 p.m.
In Broussard, La.

*Fellowship Hour - 5:00 p.m.
Randol's Restaurant
2320 Kaliste Saloom Rd.
Lafayette, La. - 981-7080

*Charter Banquet - 6:00 p.m. ($15.00 per person)
Randol's Restaurant

*Worship Celebration at MCCA - 8:30 p.m. (Homecoming)

Sunday, September 23, 1984:

*Bible Class at MCCA - 9:30 a.m.

*Fellowship - 10:30 a.m.

*Worship, Communion and Charter Presentation - 11:00 a.m.

*Luncheon/Sharing at MCCA - 1:00 p.m. (free of charge)

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REGISTRATION FORM: Please return no later than September 15, 1984

Name(s):

Address: Phone:

Yes, I/WE will attend the Charter Banquet. Enclosed is a check to cover _____ registrations at $15.00 per person.
No. of persons

The choice of menu is
___ Ribeye Steak(fr. fries, coleslaw, beverage)
___ Fried Catfish (fr. fries, coleslaw,beverage)
___ CrabFeast (etouffee, au gratin, fluff, fingers, fries, beverage)

Yes, I/We will attend the Charter Service on Sunday morning and the luncheon following. No. of persons _____.

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REV. DAVID FARRELL, PASTOR REV. WALT COLLINS, ASSISTANT PASTOR

31 July 1984

From: Rev. Walter Daniel COLLINS

To: SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Subject: Arrival of Newly Elected Worship Coordinator of MCC-Key West

I would like all in the District to know that I will be arriving to assume the position of Worship Coordinator of MCC-Key West, Florida and that I look forward to meeting you all in the very near future.

It is my present plan to leave the San Diego, California area on or about 22 August 1984 and I plan to be in the pulpit of MCC-Key West, Florida on Sunday, 26 August 1984 at which time I will preach my arrival reflection.

For those of you that do not know me or of me I would like to give you the following information about myself. I started in the Fellowship back in April of 1971 at Tampa, Florida at which time I was a charter member of the board of directors, then a deacon and exhorter under the guidance of Rev. Lee J. Carlton (my first pastor), and Rev. Charles Larsen, and Rev. Elder John H. Hose. I was also licensed in March of 1974 and was Associate Pastor (under Rev. Elder John H. Hose) of MCC-Tampa until my departure from there in September 1976. From September 1976 through September 1977 I was the Interim Pastor (while it was a mission) and also the 1st Pastor of MCC, Tulsa (Oklahoma). In September 1977 I arrived at MCC-San Diego (California) on a six months probation as Assistant Pastor and have been in the position of Assistant Pastor until Sunday, 19 August 1984 at which time I will be relieved of those duties and then on to MCC-Key West, Florida to assume the position of Worship Coordinator arriving as planned indicated above.

I am looking forward with great joy as I come to MCC-Key West and to the SOUTHEAST DISTRICT. I ask for your prayers as I travel to you and be assured you are in my prayers also.

My Love and Peace Always

Rev. Walter Daniel Collins

Rev. Walter Daniel COLLINS
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7/31/84

Dear Marge

It will be nice to see you again and be working in the same District

See you at Dist. Conf. in NOV.

My love & Prayers

Rev. Walt

and all things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall recieve.
Mathew 21 f

This quote has been sent to you for good luck. It has been around the world 9 times. The luck has now been brought to you. You will receive good luck within 6 days after you recieve this letter provided that you in turn send it to others. This is no joke. you will recieve it in the mail. Send copies of this letter to people you think need good luck. Do not send money for fate has no price on it. Do not keep this letter. It must leave your hands 96 hours after you recieve it. An officer received $7,000.00 after he sent his letters out; Joe Elliot received $150,000 and lost it because he broke the chain while in the philippines, Dorend Wallace lost his life 6 days after he received his letter [redacted] failed to circulate the quote. However he recieved $7,145,000 before his death. Please send 20 copies of this letter and see what happens to you on the 6th day. This [redacted] chain comes from Venezuela and was sent by Paul Anthony David, a missionary from South America. I recommend this to you and it is sent anonymously. The original is in the Netherlands. Since this chain makes a tour of the world you must make 20 copies and send to friends, relatives, and associates after a few days you will get a surprise - this is true even if you are not superstitious. Take note of the following. Carl Stevens had recieved the chain in 1959 and he asked his secretary to make 20 copies and sent them out. Within a few days he was a lottery for $2,000,000 Consequently an office employee then received the chain and forgot about it a few days later he lost his job. He found the chain letter and sent it to 20 people the next 3 days later he got a better job. For no reason should this chain be broken. Remember send no money. Please do not ignore: it works. . .